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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2009, in which the Examiner applied a restriction requirement to Claims 1-20, 27-32 and 35-39 (Group I); and Claims 21-26, 33-34 and 40 (Group II). Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-20, 27-32, and 35-39 (Group I) without traverse.

The Examiner has also required a species election. Applicants elect Species 1 (directed to Figure 1) which encompasses claims 1-20, 27-32 and 35-39.

If a telephonic interview with the Applicants' undersigned representative would be helpful in resolving any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (651) 736-7430.

Respectfully submitted,

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